

REMARKS

Claims 1-43, 45-46, 48-50, 53-54, 60-61, 64-78, and 80-85 are canceled. Claims 44, 47, 51, and 79 are currently amended. Claims 52, 55-59, and 62-63 were previously presented. New claims 86-143 are added. Accordingly, claims 44, 47, 51-52, 55-59, 62-63, 79, and 86-143 are pending in the application.

Objection to Drawings

The Applicant has attached Replacement Sheets where Figures 18 and 20 are labeled prior art.

Allowable subject matter

The Office Action indicates that claims 60, 68-75, 77, and 81-83 would be allowed if re-written in independent form. In response, the Applicant has amended independent claim 44 to include subject matter from claim 60. New claim 86 includes subject matter from prior claim 44 and claim 68. New claim 105 includes subject matter from prior claim 44 and claim 77. New claim 119 includes subject matter from prior claim 44 and claim 81. New claim 133 includes subject matter from prior claim 44 and claim 83. Accordingly, each of the pending independent claims includes subject matter from one of the allowable dependent claims. As a result, the independent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

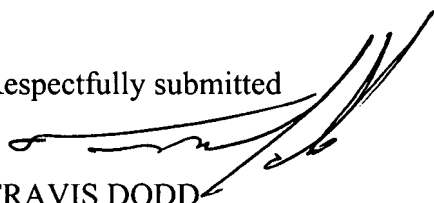
Rejection of Claims 44, 47, 51-52, 55-59, 62-63, 79

Claims 47, 51-52, 55-59, 62-63, 79 each depends directly or indirectly from independent claim 44. Since independent claim 44 is believed to be in condition for allowance, these claims are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In light of the Claim amendments presented above, Applicants believe they are entitled to a letters patent. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned with any questions.

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